

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on 2 October 2006.

No Claims are amended, no claims are canceled, and no claims are added; as a result, claims 1-34 are now pending in this application with claims 1-3 and 5-34 currently in examination. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the remarks that follow.

In the 2 October Office Action, a shortened period for reply was set to expire 3 months from the mailing date of the Office Action.

Restriction Requirement

In the Restriction Requirement mailed 2 October 2006, the Examiner has required election of one of the following patentably distinct species:

- I. A hearing aid comprising a common substrate that is an insulating alumina substrate as seen in figure 1 and recited in claim 1.
- II. A hearing aid comprising a common substrate that is a rigid ceramic platform substrate as seen in figure 1 and recited in claim 4."

Applicant believes that in the Office Action, Applicant is required to elect claims 1, 2, 3, and 5-34 or claims 2, 3, 4, and 5-34. Applicant elects claims 1-3 and 5-34. Applicant respectfully withdraws remaining claim 4 without prejudice, and reserves the right to reintroduce the non-elected claim for reconsideration in this application upon the allowance of a linking claim or to reintroduce the non-elected claim in a divisional application at a later date.

Withdrawn Claims

Claim 4 depends on claim 7. Therefore, Applicant submits that claim 7 is generic to claim 4. With the allowance of claim 7, Applicant respectfully requests the rejoinder and allowance of claim 4. *See M.P.E.P. 809 and M.P.E.P. 821.04.*

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 371-2157 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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